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CHOCOLATES



Chile's top two stars, Ahumada (left) and Caszely, relax after holding the USSR to a 0-0 draw in Moscow last year. Will they play against Australia in Berlin on June 22? Turn to page 7 for our exclusive report from Santiago.

Auburn's 100% Ampol record

Auburn is the only team with a 100% record after two rounds of the Ampol Cup.

Auburn sprung a big surprise to beat St. George-Budapest 1-0 last Sunday and take the lead in Group "B" with four points.

A place in the semifinals for the second consecutive year is now well within their grasp.

Marconi, who beat Yugal-Prague with much more difficulty than the 2-0 score suggests, is a clear second, one point ahead of another surprise-packet, Canterbury, who achieved no mean feat in beating Safford 2-1 in their own fair last Friday.

Three of the big guns of the group, Saints, Safford and Yugal-Prague, trail the field with one solitary point and will almost certainly be

out of the semifinal running if they lose again this week.

Pan Hellenic, despite their draw with Western Suburbs at Bossley Park, stay on top of Group "A", because of a better goal difference than Croatia, who confirmed their splendid early season form with a thrilling 2-2 draw with Hakoah at Wentworth Park.

APIA were the big beneficiaries in this group last week as they alone scored a win — against wooden-spoons Sutherland, the only team at this stage without any semifinal prospects.

Their fate is now in their own hands as they will reach the semis if they win all their remaining games.

The two semifinalists in Group "A" are likely to be known in the last round only as there is nothing at all between five teams at this stage.

After this week's third round the Ampol Cup will go in recess until Friday, February 15 because of Ferencvaros' visit.

Last week's round was watched by 12,354 spectators, bringing the total attendance to date to 24,800.

There has been an increase in pre-season crowds this season and last year's Ampol Cup total attendance of 51,300 seems certain to be bettered as there are still three rounds to go, plus the semifinals and the final.

— LOU GAUTIER

HUNGARIAN ACES' FIRST GAME

Hungary's most popular club, Ferencvaros, open their Australian tour on Saturday against Victoria in a floodlit match at Olympic Park.

The Hungarians will have a busy schedule during their two-week stay in Australia.

They will play Australia in Adelaide next Wednesday and in Sydney next Sunday week, and have a game against Northern NSW in Newcastle two days before their second tilt at the Socceroos.

They will wind-up their five-match tour against St. George-Budapest at Sydney Sportsground on Tuesday, February 12, and fly home for a Hungarian Cup commitment the following day.

Ferencvaros' new coach, Jeno Dalnoki, may throw

in his strongest team against Victoria as he probably doesn't want to take any chances against unknown opposition.

The match will also serve as a full dress rehearsal for next Wednesday's first game against Australia.

The Victorian team will be chosen from the following players: J. Reilly, N. Mainland, J. Gardner, J. Cunningham, F. McArdle, M. Micevski, I. Marshall, J. Armstrong, S. Walker, S. Bleskany, B. Buljevic, J. Mihajlovic, F. Micio, D. Zoraja, A. Kazi, S. Rujovic, S. Irvine, D. Gorrie, F. Tarquino, R. Horsniak, M. Fye, J. Cole, R. Muskee, P. Bourne.

The Victorian squad is coached by Toni Boggi.

Ferencvaros' line-up in Melbourne could be something like: Gezi, Martos, Megyesi, Pancsics, Vepi, Juhasz, Balint, Szoke, Ku, Albert, Branikovic.

For Balint the match will be something of a special occasion as he turns 26 the day before.

When Ferencvaros first toured Australia, in 1957, they thrashed Victoria to the tune of 6-1.

Despite Victoria's lack of thorough preparation, the score should not be nearly so lop-sided this time.

Saturday's match should give the tourists some indication of the progress of Australian soccer since they were here last.

In 1957 Ferencvaros crushed all local opposition to score 96 goals!

They ran up scores of 6-1 and 9-2 against the Australian XI, both times in Sydney.

Their other match against Australia, in Adelaide, resulted in a 3-0 win for the visitors.



BRANKO BULJEVIC

It is unthinkable that similar scores can be repeated in 1974, despite the national team's limited preparation and no match play at all since the World Cup win against South Korea on November 13, 1973.

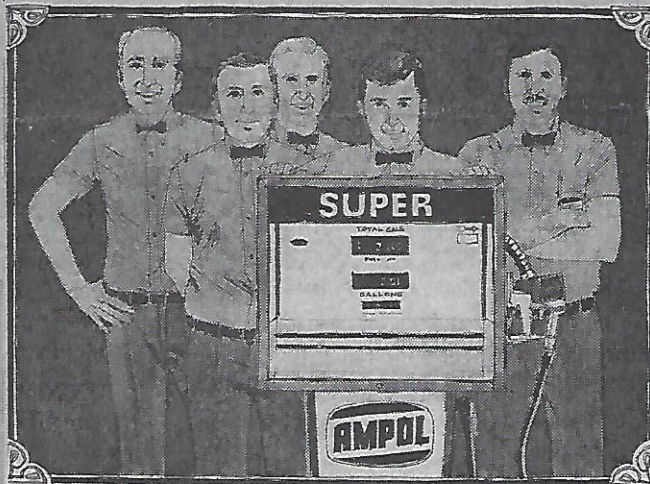
The Australian squad — consisting solely of last November's World Cup players — assemble in camp in Adelaide next Monday and will stay together until they play Ferencvaros again at the Sydney Sportsground.

SZEPESI IN AUSTRALIA

Gyorgy Szepesi, one of Europe's most famous soccer broadcasters, is accompanying Ferencvaros to Australia — as St. George-Budapest's special guest.

Szepesi is a legend in Hungary where he has developed a tremendous following.

It is his second visit to Sydney, where his brother lives.



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Ferencvaros contingent

Players in the Ferencvaros party are:

Istvan Gezi (goalkeeper), Laszlo Domjan (goalkeeper), Peter Vepi (defender), Istvan Megyesi (defender), Istvan Juhasz (forward/midfielder), Laszlo Ku (forward), Laszlo Branikovic (forward), Istvan Magyer (defender), Jozsef Mucha (forward), Gyozo Martos (defender), Miklos Pancsics (defender), Laszlo Balint (defender/midfielder), Ferenc Eipel (midfielder), Istvan Szoke (forward), Janos Mate (midfielder), Florian Albert (forward).

The following officials are accompanying the team:

Janos Harot — Tour Director; Sandor Szalgyi — Tour Director; Jeno Dalnoki — Coach; Dr. Jozsef Juhasz — Doctor; Gyorgy Doka — Massetr.

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Tuesday, February 5: "RHYTHM, BLUES & SOUL MUSIC" NIGHT.

Wednesday, February 6: CONTINENTAL CABARET. Good night for all.

To all members: Please note that your club's membership has expired on December 31. Time to renew your membership is about to expire. Do it now!

THE ENGLISH SCENE SUNDAY FOOTBALL MAY BE HERE TO STAY

— From LESLIE PAGE in London —

It is always possible that those who cannot agree with major soccer matches being played on a Sunday in England will eventually make their point.

With both the Football League and the Football Association permitting games on the Sabbath, many who fear for the British Sunday believe the action is the thin end of the wedge.

Of course, it is nothing of the kind.

The soccer authorities have merely bent with the wind a little in what have been difficult circumstances.

Without floodlighting and match kick-offs nearly an hour earlier than normal, attendances dipped alarmingly.

This says nothing for the three-day week and the people who now have to work on Saturday.

Certainly, everyone was mighty shocked at the crowds who rolled up for the Sunday matches and if this trend continues, there must be a lot of support for continuing football on that day, difficult as the administration is with no money taken at the turnstiles and match programmes sold at high prices.

WORLD CUP TOURISTS

The national team will play in Jakarta and Tel-Aviv in May on the way to its training headquarters in Switzerland before the World Cup.

In Switzerland the Soccer-roos will play two to three games against local club sides before arriving in Hamburg on June 10 — four days before their first match, against East Germany.



LES SCHEINFLUG

Treasurer Tom Grimson will represent the ASF on the World Cup tour which leaves Sydney on May 20. John Barclay will again be the manager, Brian Corrigan the team doctor, Peter Van Ryn the physiotherapist, and Les Scheinflug will be Rale Rasick's assistant.

National Director of Coaching, Eric Worthington, will also travel with the party, but ASF president, Sir Arthur George, and secretary Brian Le Fevre will leave later, taking in FIFA's Congress in Frankfurt before the finals.

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to cover the cost of admission.

For those who raise their eyebrows at Britain's elderly and out of date laws that's another argument.

Thundering Leeds

The weather has not stood in the way of Leeds United who thundered well past the New Year without a defeat in the current campaign.

And, what wonderful news it was to know that Leeds and England man, Terry Cooper, was back after 20 months and playing with the reserves after breaking his leg twice.

There has been a big gap in Sir Alf Ramsey's team and his plans since Cooper has been on the sidelines.

Ramsey-bashing

It looks as if Sir Alf has weathered the bashing he took at the hands of all and sundry when England slumped from the World Cup.

If they take him off the job, where do we look for another man to operate in the shadows and only lick a team into shape when we want him to?

Without regular playing stints, the England men must always be — at best — a talented collection of top professionals, only as good as the last match they played.

We are between really great players at the moment and it will not be easy to steer towards another bunch who can hold our prestige flag high again.

The Charltons in management with Jackie likely to take Middlesbrough into the First Division at his first attempt, Bobby Moore coming to the close of his playing career, poor Gordon Banks retired and only Martin Peters left of the 1966 squad.

Nostalgia

The nostalgia that creeps through is often chronic.

Just the other day, however, Sir Alf had things to say about England's under-23 side.

They had drawn against Wales before a mite less than 3,000 souls on a wet afternoon in Bristol.

Afterwards Sir Alf said: "The important thing at this level is to play matches — not necessarily win matches. Just to play."

That statement wants a bit of thinking about, although I can understand what Sir Alf means in a way.

He wants to promote soccer, carry it around to other lands, watch it take over where it has no hold.

Gentlemen, an attitude the Corinthians first fostered way back in the 1890's.

I think those days are long since gone and forgotten. But, what do we expect Ramsey to say to us?

Under-23 prospects

The European under-23 tournament starts in the autumn and the England side would like to see their uninspiring six-match run at this level improved after not winning for so long.

Sir Alf further commented on the new tournament: "Lack of atmosphere and small crowds are a bit of a handicap at the moment."

"There is no motivation. We'll try something different. It might prove far better to play competitively."

Players' "pot"

It is unlike English institutions to give away money. And, especially where sport is concerned.

But, the English Football League have around \$62,000 and have considerable difficulty in passing it on to those who deserve and are entitled to it.

The cash should be collected by former soccer players who qualify for payment from the League's provident fund, but cannot be traced.

The payout which doesn't take place happens every year and always the League has to appeal for help.

Anyone, particularly a player who has appeared in English League football, and is

now in Australia or wherever and was born in 1938 and thinks he might be one of the missing men should contact League HQ, Lytham Street, Annes, Lancashire, England.

Beside the "pot" which became available this year, there is a total of \$150,000 just waiting to be claimed by former players.

Fulham and England under-23 keeper, Tony Macedo, now resident in South Africa is amongst the people who have been traced recently.

WARRINGAH SAINTS' HIGH HOPES

Warringah Saints are hoping for a much improved performance in the Third Division during the coming season.

Three experienced coaches have been appointed — Ron Bartlett, as professional coach of the first team, with Dave Percy and Don Jones assisting.

Ron Bartlett is known throughout the Manly-Warringah area as a strict disciplinarian and fitness fanatic and is therefore expected to get the talent available really firing.

Training at the moment is confined to Dee Why Beach every Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

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FERENCVAROS ARE THE TOPS

By MIKE RENWICK

The living legend — this is how Ferencvaros, the crack Budapest team is regarded in Hungary.

They are, to hundreds of thousands of their fans, what Manchester United is to the English, Juventus to the Italians, Celtic or Rangers to the Scots, Real Madrid to the Spaniards — that and much more.

For many decades, they stood for everything that was fine, elegant, noble and successful about Central European soccer.

And while they have not won a Hungarian title since 1968, their following is still by far the largest in the country.

Ferencvaros were founded in 1899 and will celebrate their 75th anniversary this year.

SYMBOL

In 1901 they entered the first Hungarian championship — and are the only club never to have played anywhere else but in the First Division.

In 1949 the then Stalinist Hungarian regime decided to ban the club which they had regarded as a symbol of pre-war Hungary.

They changed the club's name to Kinizsi, then Edoszi, substituted red and white colors for the famous green and whites and forcibly transferred three of their brilliant international forwards, Kocsis, Czibor



The great Florian Albert (in the white strip) in action in a recent Hungarian club match.

and Budai to the Army team, Honved.

And yet, for years the loyal fans remained loyal, waving their green and white (!) flags and never referring to their team as anything but Ferencvaros.

When the 1956 Revolution broke out, one of the first demands of the rebels was the complete reinstatement of the club's name.

Since then they have been largely unmolested though never enjoying the same Government financial support as most other clubs.

Ferencvaros are now sponsored by the Food and Allied Trades Union which controls the large Hungarian Meatworks, dozens of hotels, restaurants and suppliers.

The majority of players are employed by these establishments.

However, with one or two exceptions, none of them actually work; they enjoy the much criticised yet rampant Hungarian "shamateurism", under which they get their salaries without even appearing on the premises.

The club — officially called Ferencvarosi Torna Club (Ferencvaros Gymnastic Club) but known to millions by their diminutive of "Fradi" — will finish their new stadium in May this year.

This was built on the site of their old ground, in the 9th district of Budapest and will be a modern establishment, accommodating

up to 40,000 spectators.

Next to it is their clubhouse — large, spacious, but utilitarian by Sydney club standards.

The club is a veritable sporting club where soccer is only one of the many departments — even if it's the largest and most famous.

ETC sportsmen and women are playing a leading role in swimming, water-polo, ice hockey, handball, basketball, boxing, kayaking and many other sports — all in the one family.

Since 1901, Ferencvaros have won 21 Hungarian soccer championships while another 22 times they were runners-up.

They are the only Hungarian team ever winning a "100 percent" title; in 1931-32 they won all their 22 matches, scoring 105 goals and conceding 18.

The list of their international matches would fill a book: they have been in the thick of these almost since the start.

In fact, it was in 1902 that they suffered their greatest defeat ever when they went down 16-0 to Oxford.

Over the years they have visited every Continent, some more than once — and have played in every country of Europe.

Their biggest win ever came on a tour of Africa, in 1932 when in Fez they beat North Morocco 22-0.

TRIUMPH

However, the most prestigious triumph was born in 1929 when they beat double-Olympic champions Uruguay 3-2 in Montevideo.

In the pre-war years they were the glamor team in the Mitropa Cup, spiritual predecessors to today's European Cups: they won it twice and were runners-up on three occasions.

Later, another generation of players emulated this success: in 1965 they won the UEFA Cup — beating Juventus in the final, in Turin. In 1968 they reached the final again but went down to Leeds United narrowly.

READERS' LETTERS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

It would indeed be wonderful if a viable National League was able to function.

To see the large cross-section of mass support that the Australian World Cup team effort received as well as the usual conflicting sectional groups who keep club soccer as we know it from total extinction come together again in 1975 and support the proposed National League with the same vigour and enthusiasm would rate almost as a miracle.

Does Sir Arthur George or any other realistic soccer official really believe that the general public or even a reasonable proportion will seriously support a National League dominated by minority migrant-sponsored clubs with or without meaningless name changes and other cosmetic dress-ups plus a small number of more representative minor clubs from Newcastle, Brisbane, etc.?

This kind of National League competition will soon be dependent on the fluctuating fortunes of the ethnic clubs for its survival.

Sir Arthur is also quoted as saying we must pool our best 100 players to achieve the highest playing standards.

Some people claim we would be battling to find many more than ELEVEN — barely reasonable players in the whole of Australia.

As far as our much-vaunted juniors except, for a very occasional one or two, they are a dead loss, being both untalented and lacking in dedication.

Most free imports of recent times have proved themselves so unworthy that they are not even worth a cheap airfare.

National League is fine in theory. It may well even prove that for a short period it will even achieve some limited success, but it must ultimately fail as all attempts to uplift soccer in Australia have previously.

Until there are widespread and fundamental changes in Australian soccer it will take more than a fortunate World Cup qualification to lift soccer from its fringe status.

RON VOLEM,
Bondi.

FACE-SAVING

I hope that Rale Rasic will not be coaxed into encounters with certain countries during the pre-World Cup training.

The ones I refer to are the stronger teams eliminated from the World Cup.

Such fixtures could become face-saving matches for those concerned, with a stress in building up prestige at the expense of our boys, while their people would not have to worry too much about minor injuries because of non-involvement in the big cup activities.

Our team can hardly afford to tackle hard during the weeks prior to the encounter with East Germany, and a heavy defeat by a strong European side could have a demoralising effect.

It would be better to play against less powerful countries or good club sides.

What I'm certain of is that our local club sides MUST give the national team their COMPLETE support in preparations.

The club sides, more than anybody else, benefit from a surge of interest in soccer because of the squad's success in all the Asian preliminaries.

Early-season games have brought double the crowds they would have got if Australia had flopped in '73.

DAVID BATESON,
Bondi Beach.

"OLD BOYS"

One of the big successes of the English season on an intermediate level is the Michael Dunn Cup.

Entries are made from teams of Old Boys from schools all over the country, and the players enjoy meeting again and they revert to their own clubs when their team is eliminated.

The Cup has the added advantage of bringing together and retaining the interest of older players, many of whom go on to become top administrators in the game.

In NSW the establishment of the competition could become much easier to operate, as players could appear on days on which their own clubs are not competing in local Association and other leagues.

Could anything be done in Sydney to start the ball rolling?

JOHN KEEN,
Rydalmere.

DUTCH TREAT

Dutch referee Arie van Gemert, who was in charge of Australia's World Cup matches in Seoul and Hong Kong, has ridiculed Australian soccer standards in the Dutch Press.

Personally, I enjoyed the game more in Australia than here in Holland.

Tony Boskovic can teach them something here. Dutch soccer is nothing else than "wood-chopping".

Best wishes to the Socceros in the finals.

I've watched East Germany a few times since settling in Europe. They can be beaten if Australia plays at its best.

J.H. THOLEN,
Slagsharen (Holland).

TRAVEL BAN ON RASIC WRONG

By LOU GAUTIER

The ASF's decision not to send Rale Rasic overseas to gain first-hand information about Australia's World Cup opponents is wrong.

If Rasic stays home he will make history as he will be the only World Cup supreme amongst the sixteen finalists not to avail himself of the possibility of watching his opponents in action.

There are many opportunities for him to watch both East and West Germany.

This month, for instance, West Germany will play two full internationals in the space of three days.

The West Germans meet Spain in Barcelona on February 23, then travel to Rome (the venue has been switched from Naples) on the 26th to play Italy, and on March 13, East Germany will take on Belgium.

Rasic could thus be away for only three weeks, yet have a chance to watch our two most formidable World Cup opponents in action in top competitive match-play.

The ASF should immediately book his passage to Europe as the opportunity of watching the two Germans in such a short

few eyebrows, was a case in point.

And while the rest of the world exchanged lavish gifts before and after the ceremony in Frankfurt, the Australian representatives, who went to Germany empty-handed and under-documented to answer all the searching questions put to them — stood aside, bothered, flustered and utterly embarrassed.

INEXPLICABLE

The ASF's decision to send National Director of Coaching Eric Worthington to Chile is also inexplicable.

The national team does not come within the knowledgeable Worthington's sphere of interests.

If the ASF absolutely insists on sending someone to Chile on February 9 — when Rasic will be preparing the Socceros for the second Ferencvaros match — then why can't it be Les Scheinflug?

After all, he is supposed to be the assistant-national coach.

And why must it be February 9? Couldn't Rasic have left for Santiago two days later when his national team commitments are over?



RALE RASIC
PROVINCIAL

space won't present itself again before the World Cup.

The ASF is finding it hard to shed its provincial, amateurish image.

One has the impression that many of our officials have yet to realise the importance of the World Cup.

Our tiny representation at the World Cup draw last month, which raised quite a

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— LINCOLN WALTERS

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Manuel 27 min.

WESTS

1 (0)

Lindsay 54 min.

Marconi

2 (1)

Mihajlovic 5 min., Brajkovic 67 min.

Yugal-Prague

0 (0)

Canterbury

2 (1)

R. Brown 10 min. (penalty), Pocock 63 min.

Safeway

1 (0)

Bingham 41 min.

A.P.I.A.

2 (1)

Ollerton 13 and 70 mins.

Sutherland

0 (0)

Hakoah

2 (0)

Baartz 50 min., Fletcher 59 min.

Croatia

2 (0)

Doyle 38 min. (penalty), and 62 min.

Auburn

1 (1)

Deller 30 min.

St. George

0 (0)

HOW THEY LINED UP

Maglis 4, Izatt 4, Rudic 4, Barboutis 3, Bell 3, Stowell 4, Muniz 3, Ile 3 (Economou 63 min.), Harding 3, Manuel 4, Brankin 3.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: Z. Rasic.

Match rating: * * *

Eaton 4, Curran 4, Radcliffe (sent off 40 min.), Ferguson 4, G. Smith 4, Gray 3, Byles 3, Turner 3, Lindsay 4, Spiekerman 3 (T. Smythe, halftime, 3), Turnbull 3.

TOTAL: 35.

Coach: L. Scheinflug.

Murray 4, Degney 4, Robertson 4, Mihajlovic 4 (Colusso 43 min.), Moschen 4, Jones 3, Samuel 3, Campbell 4, Brajkovic 3, A. Griffiths 3, Byrne 3.

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: L. Baumgartner.

Match rating: * * *

Tuinman 3, Trkulja 4, S. McDonald 4, Velkovski 3, Nacinovic 3, Rootsey 4, J. Alagich 3, Mihajlovic 3, Takac 4, Serdarevic 3, Skoric 3 (Selvage 50 min.).

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: S. Dacevski.

Hawthorne 4, G. Brown 3, Hardy 4, Henderson 4, Xipolitas 3, Mullen 4, Armytage 4, Balafas 3, Pocock 4, R. Brown 3, Welton 4.

TOTAL: 40.

Coach: L. Hegyes.

Match rating: * * * *

Hesford 3, Dodd 3, Wilson 3, Tuckerman 3, Allison 3, McGroarty 4, Fryer 3, Bingham 4, Tolson 4, Alston 4, Rigby 4.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: P. Wilson.

Roberts 3, Keith 3, Jenkins 4, McGinn 4, McGhee 4, Russell 3, T. Butler 3 (Blues 60 min.), M. Clarke 3, Ollerton 3, Rooney 5, Rogers 4.

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: T. Anderson.

Match rating: * * * *

Maher 5, Branson 3, Bennett 3, R. Griffiths 3, Wykes 3, Bourke 2, Trail 3, Smith 3, Thompson 3, Suggett 2, Cacciola 2.

TOTAL: 32.

Coach: J. Livingstone.

Madeschi 4, Fekete 4, Mackay 4, Watkiss 4, Marnoch 4, O'Connor 3 (Lynch 46 min.), Watson 3, Baartz 4, Fletcher 4, Morrow 3, Tracey 3.

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: D. Maclaren.

Match rating: * * * *

Corry 3, Wignall 4, M. Harris 3, Brady 4, Yaager 4, Doyle 4, Whalley 3 (Page 62 min.), Nixon 4, D. Smith 3, Sullivan 4, Vojtek 4.

TOTAL: 40.

Coach: M. Kiss.

Hoszowski 4, Lawson 4, Hughes 4, Malone 4, Leak 3, Hucker 3, Quested 3, Stewart 3, Deller 3, Keddie 3, Parker 3.

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: J. Marston.

Match rating: * * *

Fraser 4, G. Harris 3, Williams 4, Schaefer 3, Coton 3, Stoddart 3, McDonald 4, Abonyi 3, Warren 3, Hamilton 3, Jankovics 3 (Morgan 48 min.).

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: M. Johnson.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Incredibly, it took the expulsion of Vince Radcliffe five minutes after halftime, to revive Western Suburbs' fortunes. Playing with 10 men Wests went on to dominate a Pan Hellenic team which seemed headed for another win. Pan Hellenic, combining well, were in control in the first half when Gary Manuel had scored a well-taken goal in the 27th minute. Pan Hellenic weakened in the last 20 minutes and were lucky to escape with a draw after conceding a 54th minute goal — a gem scored by the tenacious Lindsay. Wests hit the woodwork twice and generally outran and outfought their tiring opponents. They can be well pleased with the result, which was a moral victory for them.

Crowd: 5,660 (double-header). Referee: P. Rampley.

— LINCOLN WALTERS

Yugal-Prague should have had the game won in the first 10 minutes when Alagich and Serdarevic unforgivably bombed absolute "sitters". Despite Milan Mihajlovic's stupendous fifth minute goal for Marconi, Yugal dominated, and played the better football, in the first half. However, they displayed so little understanding between defence and attack that they were rather easily dispossessed by their tougher, hard-tackling opponents whenever they got near the Marconi goal. Marconi held the upper hand for most of the second half and nobody was really surprised when Brajkovic put the result beyond doubt towards the end of a rather disappointing match which probably put paid to Yugal's semifinal chances.

Crowd: 5,660 (double-header). Referee: F. Sbis.

— LINCOLN WALTERS

Canterbury provided a huge upset by beating the highly-fancied Safeway. United started off in great style, putting together some fine moves, but when Canterbury converted a penalty after only 10 minutes, they lost their rhythm. Poor shooting and on many occasions a tendency to walk the ball into the net put paid to any chance Safeway had of winning. Player-coach Peter Wilson surprised by playing young Brian Dodd at fullback. The promising young striker was all at sea and it didn't take the Berries long to find the weak spot in United's defence. Canterbury not only fought for every ball and backed up splendidly, but they also turned in some imaginative football against stereotyped opposition.

Crowd: 2,423 (double-header). Referee: T. Davies.

— PETER SCHUMACHER

APIA never looked in danger of defeat against weak opposition. Although APIA could only score twice, the score flattered Sutherland as the Ollerton-inspired forward-line had plenty of opportunities to add to their tally. However, they found it hard to pass Alan Maher, who was a tower of strength, in the Sutherland goal. New fullback Ken Jenkins and Jim Rooney were the pick of the APIA team. Rooney's constant running and promptings created many chances and he dominated the midfield completely. Sutherland were in the doldrums most of the match, which is only to be expected with the young players they are obliged to rely upon at the moment.

Crowd: 2,423 (double-header). Referee: H. Witschke.

— PETER SCHUMACHER

The second half produced the best spectacle so far in the Ampol Cup. There was little in a dour first period to enthuse the crowd, but it was a different story after the interval. First Croatia, then Hakoah gained the upper hand and looked set for victory in 35 minutes of dramatic, fluctuating fortunes. Both teams played some great stuff — and scored a magnificent goal apiece, as brilliant as any you could wish to see, by Doyle in the 62nd minute and Baartz in the 50th. Croatia dominated slightly the first half and the first 10 minutes of the second, but after Baartz' equaliser it was all Hakoah and they would have won but for Doyle's wonderful second goal. Five minutes from the end Fletcher missed a penalty, but a draw was an eminently fair result.

Crowd: 4,271 (double-header). Referee: G. Warne.

— LOU GAUTIER

There was no element of luck in Auburn's win. They were the better team on the day and deserved their win, and that's that. Saints were actually lucky not to concede another goal as Gary Quested had a goal controversially disallowed in the 44th minute. St. George have seldom played worse. Throughout the match they only created a handful of scoring chances, all of which were easily dealt with by a solid, well marshalled Auburn defence. Auburn were less prominent in attack, but their breakaways were well mounted and always spelt danger to a shaky St. George defence, which was guilty of several crude fouls — an unmistakable sign of mediocre form. Full marks to Joe Marston for blending five new players into the Auburn team with such outstanding success.

Crowd: 4,271 (double-header). Referee: A. Boskovic.

— LOU GAUTIER

Under-23 tour of Indonesia

The Australian under-23 national team will leave for its three-match tour of Indonesia on March 28, and return on April 7.

The team, which will be coached by Eric Worthington, the national Director of Coaching, will play twice in Jakarta and once in either Surabaya or Bandung.

The party will be managed by Brisbane alderman, Ian Brusasco.

The squad will be selected within a fortnight on nominations from every State.

The party will consist of 20 players, most of whom will be challenging for berths in the full Australian team which will undertake a world tour later in the year.

Kale Rasic was offered the coaching post, but declined as he is adamant his national team duties will end once Australia's World Cup commitments are over.

The under-23s have been invited to Indonesia as part of Australia's "cultural" contribution to the Pacific Area Travel Agents' congress which will be held concurrently in the Indonesian capital.

The tour is sponsored by Federal Minister Frank Stewart's department of tourism.

Mr. Stewart is also the Minister for Recreation, which embraces all sporting activities.

— LOU GAUTIER

WORLD CUP SELL-OUTS

Six of the 38 games for the World Cup are already sell-outs.

Here is a run-down of the nine venues:

BERLIN: West Germany v. Chile (June 14) sell-out; Chile v. East Germany (June 18) few tickets left; Australia v. Chile (June 22) plenty of seats available.

HAMBURG: East Germany v. Australia (June 14) plenty of seats; Australia v. West Germany (June 18) sell-out; East Germany v. West Germany (June 22) sell-out.

HANNOVER: Uruguay v. Netherlands (June 15) and Bulgaria v. Uruguay (June 18) plenty of seats.

GEISENKIRCHEN: Spain/Yugoslavia v. Zaire (June 18) and Zaire v. Brazil (June 22) plenty of seats. For the games in the second final round 70 per cent of standing room tickets are sold.

DORTMUND: Zaire v. Scotland (June 14), Netherlands v. Sweden (June 19), Bulgaria v. Netherlands (June 23) standing room only.

DUSSELDORF: Sweden v. Bulgaria (June 15), Sweden v. Uruguay (June 23), few seats, but plenty of standing room available.

FRANKFURT: Brazil v. Spain/Yugoslavia (June 13) sell-out, Scotland v. Brazil (June 18) all seats sold, Scotland v. Spain/Yugoslavia (June 22) few seats available, but plenty of standing room. All seats taken for the two second final round games.

STUTTGART: Poland v. Argentina (June 15) plenty of seats; Argentina v. Italy (June 19) a near sell-out; Poland v. Italy (June 23) all seats taken, little standing room.

MUNICH: Italy v. Haiti (June 15), Haiti v. Poland (June 19), Argentina v. Haiti (June 23), plenty of tickets. Play-off for third place (July 4) and final (July 7) sell-outs.

AMPOL CUP 1974

Friday double-header should swell crowds

— By LOU GAUTIER —

This week's third round of Ampol Cup matches could make or break several teams in their quest for a place in the semifinals, to be played on March 3.

There are many attractive matches to choose from and it seems likely that, weather permitting, there will again be a reasonable turn-out of spectators.

The biggest crowd could be at Garside Park on Friday for the clash between Pan Hellenic and Hakoah, which will be preceded by an equally appetising match between Group "B" leaders Auburn and Marconi.

The outlooks as I see them:

Auburn v. Marconi

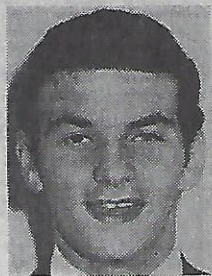
Auburn's big chance is that Friday's match will be played at Garside Park and not on Marconi's home pitch.

The ground is sure to suit the shock Group "B" leaders in their bid to shake off their immediate pursuers.

The winner here seems assured of a place in the semifinals though there are still two matches remaining after this week.

The new-look Auburn team has been the revelation of the series, with new boys Steve Hoszowski and Pat Deller playing a big part in the side's flying start to the season.

Marconi, too, can be pleased with their early



JIM STEWART
(Auburn)

form. They look anything but the also-rans some people expected them to become without sidelined stars Ray Richards and Raul Carrizo, the latter apparently also still haggling about terms.

Pan Hellenic v. Hakoah

Hakoah will be in big trouble if they lose against Pan Hellenic in Friday's late match at Garside Park.

They would slip three points behind their conquerors and also a similar length behind Croatia, who will be hot favorites to

beat Sutherland at Woonona.

However, they showed so much improvement in the second half against Croatia last Sunday that they could well notch their first win of the season.

Pan Hellenic paid the penalty for becoming complacent when Wests were reduced to 10 men in the last round and were somewhat lucky to survive Wests' storming finish at Marconi Oval.

No doubt the lessons will have been learnt and digested, so Hakoah, who will be slight favorites, can expect much tighter defence from Hellenic who will again rely on the rejuvenated Gary Manuel for striking power and on the wily Rokko Iile for inspiration.

Croatia v. Sutherland

Croatia are playing with so much confidence that it's hard to see them beaten on Friday.

Croatia are reaping the benefits of being the only completely unchanged team from last year.

Rid of teething problems, the side is already almost in top gear and playing some of the most fluent football in the competition though, one must add, they haven't solved their weakness in attack, where they still lack strikers.

Sutherland fought well against overwhelming odds last Friday on the same ground, but they should find Croatia beyond their reach just as APIA was one week ago.

Alan Maher, who had such a tremendous game against APIA, will again be the busiest man on the field. The final score is literally in his hands.

Safeway v. St. George

Two of the early cup favorites will feature in a do-or-die battle in the late match at Woonona on Friday evening.

Both suffered sensational defeats last week against rank outsiders and the loser here will already be out of semifinal contention.

POOR SHOW

Our worst fears have been confirmed.

Australia's World Cup preparation will be totally inadequate.

The ASF has decided that after the matches against Ferencvaros the national team would only play against an Auckland XI in Sydney on March 22, and against Aberdeen of Scotland, on May 15.

A couple of matches against the national under-23 team have also been arranged.

Some pre-World Cup practice!

— LOU GAUTIER

The current form of the two teams is all the harder to figure out as both are loaded with talented players who should be performing infinitely better no matter how short of match practice they may be.



ADRIAN ALSTON
(Safeway)

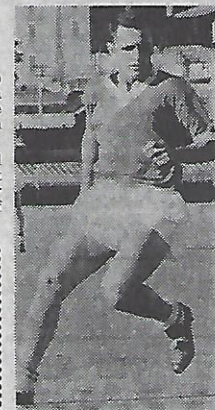
Alarming from Australia's point of view is the mediocre form of many of the World Cup squad members, on whom Australia's hopes will rest against Ferencvaros next week.

It is impossible to pick a winner for this match. Both were equally disappointing last week.

Yugal-Prague v. Canterbury

Yugal-Prague, who were pretty unlucky to get beaten by a two-goal margin by Marconi, will need all their wits about them to dispose of the gallant Canterbury at Wentworth Park.

Canterbury's plucky performance in beating Safeway at Woonona must give them a big lift and make them even more determined to repeat the dose against another much more highly rated opponent.



ILJA TAKAC
(Yugal-Prague)

Ray Pocock, the Berries' one goal-a-match man, can stand his ground in any company and will be the man the Yugal defence must watch at all cost.

Yugal-Prague's attack let them down — again — last week. They created enough glorious chances to win against Marconi, but were shockingly inept in front of goal.

Their defence does not look all that safe without Rudic and Dougan, but should still hold the Canterbury attack, provided Pocock is closely attended.

APIA v. Western Suburbs

The winner here will take a giant step towards the semifinals.

Wests are doing much better than any one expected and can be well pleased with last week's draw in very trying conditions.

APIA opened their account last Friday and are back in the semifinal race following draws by all their challengers in the second round.

Coach Tom Anderson makes no secret of the fact that he is using the Ampol Cup as a trial run for the premiership and he intends to keep chopping and changing his team around quite a bit until he settles on his strongest line-up.



TERRY BUTLER
(APIA)

Wests at this stage seem to have a more settled formation, which may give them a slight edge.

But there is no denying that APIA have classier players to choose from, but whether that will be enough to give them the two points is questionable.

Of all the third round matches, the late Sunday fixture at Wentworth Park looks the most likely to end in a draw.

AMPOL TABLES

GROUP "A"						
	W	D	L	F	A	P
Pan Hellenic	1	1	—	6	3	3
Croatia	1	1	—	4	3	3
APIA	1	—	1	3	2	2
Hakoah	—	2	—	3	3	2
Wests	—	2	—	2	2	2
Sutherland	—	—	2	2	7	—

GROUP "B"						
	W	D	L	F	A	P
Auburn	2	—	—	3	1	4
Marconi	1	1	—	3	1	3
Canterbury	—	1	—	3	3	2
Safeway	—	1	1	2	3	1
St. George	—	1	1	1	2	1
Yugal-Prague	—	1	1	1	3	1

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TEAMS

MARCONI

MURRAY
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MIHAILEVIC
MOSCHEN
JONES
SAMUEL
CAMPBELL
BRAJKOVIC
A. GRIFFITHS
BYRNE

AUBURN

HOSZOWSKI
LAWSON
HUGHES
MALONE
HUCKER
LEAK
QUESTED
STEWART
DELLER
KEDDIE
PARKER

HAKOAH

MADESCHI
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MARNOCCH
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BAARTZ
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ALLISON
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ALSTON
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UTJESNOVIC
COTTON
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WILLIAMS
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TAKAC
SERDAREVIC
SELVAGE

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THIS WEEK

AMPOL CUP

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Marconi v. Auburn — Garside Park, 7.45 p.m.
Hakoah v. Pan Hellenic — Garside Park, 9.15 p.m.
Croatia v. Sutherland — Woonona Oval, 7.45 p.m.
Safeway v. St. George — Woonona Oval, 9.15 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Yugal-Prague v. Canterbury — Wentworth Park, 3 p.m.
APIA v. Wests — Wentworth Park, 4.30 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

AUSTRALIA v. FERENCVAROS — Sportsground, 4 p.m.

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DRAW FOR THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

This is the draw for the qualifying rounds of the 1976 European Championship (ex-Nations' Cup) made in Paris last week:

Group 1: England, Czechoslovakia, Portugal.
Group 2: Hungary, Austria, Wales, Luxembourg.
Group 3: Yugoslavia, Sweden, Northern Ireland, Norway.

Group 4: Romania, Spain, Scotland, Denmark.
Group 5: Italy, Holland, Poland, Finland.
Group 6: USSR, Switzerland, Turkey.

Group 7: Belgium, France, East Germany, Iceland.
Group 8: West Germany, Bulgaria, Malta, Greece.
Matches must be completed by December 31, 1975.

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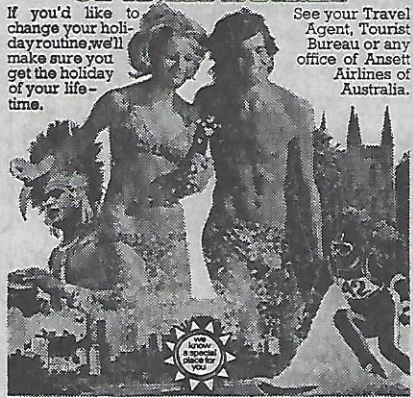
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Pele will definitely not play in the World Cup. Last week he appeared on Brazilian television to personally deny consistent rumors that he had accepted \$200,000 to make a comeback in Germany. Pele also confirmed that he would hang up his boots altogether in October this year.

• When Sweden meets West Germany on May 1 it will be the Swedes' 500th international match.

• Enver Maric, from the Velez Mostar team, has become Yugoslavia's "Player of the Year."

• Johan Cruyff is quite a linguist. After only four months in Spain he is fluent in the language and speaks pure Castilian in television interviews.

• West Germany, Spain and Switzerland failed to enter the 1974-76 European Championship for under-23 national teams.

• Bristol Rovers have promised their players \$2,000 each if the club is promoted to Second Division at the end of the season.

• This is the English magazine GOAL's European "Team of the Year": Zoff, Krivokuca, Khurtsilava, Beckenbauer, Facchetti, Bremner, Deyna, Rivera, Bene, Muller, Cruyff.

• Willie Waddell, Rangers' general manager, is the best paid soccer man in Scotland: his annual income is \$25,000.

• Rapid Vienna, the famous Austrian club, is now on an Asian tour which takes in Hong Kong, Malaysia and Indonesia.

• Former West German star, Willi Schulz, the "king" of the stoppers, was guest of honor at the North American Professional League's presentation ceremony in New York last month.

• Bobby Moore, the West Ham and England star, along with entertainers Jim Tarback and Bruce Forsyth, is associated with a company which plans to turn a 100-acre site near Blackpool into a multi-million pound entertainment centre. Included in the plans are a monorail system and a lake with Mississippi-style paddle-steamer. Bobby has already a share in a country club in England with Scottish film star and former soccer player Sean Connery.

• Jimmy Brownlie, the grand old man of Scottish soccer passed away on December 31 at the age of 88. Brownlie, a towering giant with massive hands and a goalkeeper, played 30 times for Scotland between 1909 and 1916. His club side throughout his entire professional career was the now defunct Third Lanark and after his playing days were over in the early 1930's he became the first manager of Dundee United. Until a few weeks before his death he had been a regular every Saturday at one of the senior matches in or near Dundee.

• The affiliation of Liechtenstein and Bangladesh brings FIFA's membership to 142 countries. It will be 143 when Swaziland's application is approved. Morocco, Senegal and Sierra Leone, however, face expulsion unless their affiliation fees are paid by February 1.

• The West German Federation has lifted the life suspension of former international Stanislas Libuda, who was outed for allegedly taking a bribe two years ago. Libuda, is expected to resume playing for Schalke 04 soon.

• A silver medalion of Pele will go on sale during the World Cup. The inscription will read: "1974 — the year of the World Cup and of Pele's farewell to soccer." This a joint German-Brazilian promotion.

• The Greek Federation, after investigation, say they are satisfied their national team played "fairly" against Yugoslavia on December 19. They claim they could find no evidence of Greek players being bribed by the Spaniards.

• Fifteen Arab countries will meet in Tripoli, Libya, next week to form an Arab Soccer Confederation.

• Colin Jackson, the Glasgow Rangers centre-half, gets many anxious glances when he's out in town with his girlfriend Liz Stevely. Little wonder, as Liz is Miss Scotland. Colin is also a model in his spare time and recently did a series of advertisements for a bank.

• Hugh Nelson, the president of the Scottish Football Association, who was in charge of the Scottish team who played here in 1967, was awarded the CBE in the New Year's Honors List.

• Mike Bamber, the chairman of English Third Division Brighton, which the controversial Brian Clough now manages is quite a man. A millionaire, he owns six property companies, a 16th century seaside house, a country hotel, a farm and an estate agency in Mayfair. He started life as drummer in Humphrey Lyttelton's famous jazz band.

• Branko Zebec, one of Europe's best wingers in the late 1940's and early fifties, is tipped to take over as coach of Spanish club Gijon. Zebec had a spell with Bayern Munchen some time ago.

• The referees for the World Cup finals will be chosen in London on February 8. Thirty will be selected, but only nine will come from countries which have qualified for the finals.

• Barcelona are after another top Dutch star from Ajax — Neeskens. Ajax president, van Praag, however, won't hear of the departure of his crack midfielder. "He's not for sale — not even for \$1 million!"

• Average attendance in Bulgaria's First Division in the first half of the championship was 12,000. Levski Spartak was the most popular club, with an average home crowd of 25,000 spectators.

• Persepolis have won the Iranian championship — without losing a match. Tehran soccer writers have panned their performances, however, dubbing the team "colorless and ultra-defensive." Iran's new cup competition, open to clubs from all over the country, is proving a huge success and is expected to unearth new talent for the national team, now in earnest training for September's Asian Games tournament, to be held in Tehran.

• Miguel Munoz, Real Madrid's coach, has resigned — after 14 years on the job. He was made the scapegoat for the club's mediocre results this season. Luis Molowny is serving as acting-coach.



WORLD CUP DIARY

• Israel's coach Emmanuel Scheffer reckons the Aussies have a tough World Cup draw. "I wouldn't like to be in their shoes", he told the leading Tel-Aviv newspaper, "Haaretz". "Israel had a much easier draw in Mexico," Scheffer, however, thinks Australia is "reasonably well equipped" to avoid a hiding against the two Germans and gives us a 30-70 chance against Chile.

• Hasi, a French-speaking country, will set up headquarters in France before the World Cup finals. They will stay at the world-famous, ultra-modern Institut National des Sports, outside Paris.

• Detlef Lange, the West Berlin schoolboy, whose innocent hand made the World Cup draw, will receive VIP treatment throughout the finals. His father and himself will sit in the presidential box at any match he chooses. Detlef is a keen soccer fan who supports Hertha Berlin.

• The Danes are keen to play pre-World Cup matches against the finalists. Perhaps the ASF could look into the matter as Hamburg is practically on the Danish border.

• Italy will play West Germany in Rome on February 26. When the Italian league finishes, on May 19, the World Cup squad will immediately assemble and play against Yugoslavia on June 2, and against Austria, in Vienna, on June 8.

• The Poles have already selected their 36 World Cup players, who will be reduced to 22 three weeks before the finals. Their average age is 23. Oldest squad member is winger Robert Gadocha, born in 1946.

• Italian FA president Artemio Franchi, who is also president of the UEFA, is confident Haiti won't turn out to be another "North Korea" for his "squadra azzurra". "We are leaving nothing to chance," he says. "Coach Ferruccio Valcareggi will spend a few days in Port au Prince to have a look at the Haitians. Even

the minnows in the World Cup can't be taken for granted."

• The Spanish Federation has postponed the championship round of February 10 to give the World Cup players more time to prepare their decisive qualifying match against Yugoslavia in Frankfurt on February 13. National coach Kubala will thus have his team together for 15 days.

• Crystal Palace's Peter Taylor is eligible to play for Holland. He was born in Rotterdam of a Dutch mother and an English father.

• Bulgaria's national team is in the midst of the first of several pre-World Cup camps. Manager Hristo Mladenov has taken 35 players to Cyprus for solid training in the sun.

• So far each Scottish World Cup squad member is assured of earning at least \$8,000 from the World Cup. The current players' pool exceeds \$130,000.

• The Argentinian Government announces that the 1978 World Cup final will be played in Buenos Aires. The other cities which will stage matches are Rosario and Cordoba.

• Wlodimir Lubanski, Poland's most gifted player, will know next week whether he will play in the World Cup finals. Though he's been training since Christmas, it won't be until February 8 that a leading London specialist will give his verdict. Ironical that his fate should be in the hands of an English doctor, because it was against England at Chorzow eight months ago that he injured his knee.

• Tostao, whose absence in Germany must weaken Brazil, tips a Brazil v. Italy final again in the World Cup. He is confident the world champions will win their way into yet another final. He prefers Italy's chances to that of West Germany. "The Italians", he says, "know how to score goals when they must. And their defence is the most rigid and disciplined in the world".

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WORLD CUP NEWS AND VIEWS



World Cup will show big loss

— From HANS SCHMIDT in Frankfurt —

The World Cup Organising Committee expects to show a loss of about \$2.5 million on the finals. Hermann Neuberger, president of the Organising Committee, revealed this in a radio interview on "Deutschlandfunk."

He estimated takings to be in the vicinity of \$20 million, half of which at least will be necessary to cover running expenses.

Sixty-five percent of the \$10 million left over will be split up between the competing countries and 10% will be paid to FIFA.

The Organising Committee's share will only be 25% — at most \$2.5 million — to cover total costs of staging the tournament which run into \$5 million.

Neuberger told the German taxpayers that his committee would not be spending their money lavishly.

"We have cut down on all unnecessary spending," he said. "The 1974 finals cost less to stage than the Mexican tournament four years ago."

EAST GERMANY 1974



A CRISIS IN CHILE

SANTIAGO. — Twelve Chilean professional clubs have petitioned the ruling military junta to withdraw from the World Cup!

The country's most influential clubs, most of them Santiago-based, claim they will be ruined by the World Cup finals.

The clubs claim they cannot meet the financial demands of their World Cup players, all of whom are seeking increased terms as a result of their qualification for the finals.

The clubs, they say, cannot match the bonuses the players have been paid by the Federation for reaching the last sixteen.

Naturally, there is no chance Chile will pull out though nobody expects the national team to qualify for the second round.

The Chileans are confident of beating Australia in Berlin, but have conceded victory to the two Germans.

The latest move in Chile's club versus country soccer war involves the money the Soviet Union will pay Chile as compensation for not turning up for their return qualifying match in Santiago in November.

The Russians are reported to have agreed to pay some \$200,000 compensation.

The clubs are demanding that the lot be turned over to them for the inconvenience and financial hardship they have suffered through World Cup demands on their players.

Haiti sheds that old voodoo image

Haiti's qualification for the World Cup finals has gone down in local sports annals as a date only second in importance to the country's independence from France in 1804.

In a land of grinding poverty, it takes little to make people happy and Haiti's triumph in the qualifying tournament for the North American, Central American and Caribbean zone was no mean feat.

The Haitians triumphed over Mexico who, for only the second time since 1934, were eliminated from the World Cup.

There was singing and dancing in the dusty, pot-holed streets of Port au Prince.

Voodoo still governs the lives of many Haitians — descendants of African slaves brought in to work rich sugar plantations on this Caribbean island in the 17th century.

But for the World Cup, they have cast aside reliance on supernatural aid for a spartan training program which has turned a bunch of track sprinters into a disciplined football team.

"We can spring the same surprise that North Korea did in the 1966 World Cup in England," Haitian trainer Antoine Tassy said.

"There is always a small country that springs surprises — and this time it should be ours."

Five months before the qualifying tournament in Port au Prince, the Haitians had already been training rigorously.

Players complained that they seldom saw their families during that time.

Tassy, a soft-spoken, bespectacled man who never gets ruffled, has called the team together for January 20 to start training for the finals.

Before the tournament, Mexican sportswriters had derided Haiti as a team of athletes — not of football players.

But what the Haitians lacked in technique, they

made up for in speed, endurance and aggressiveness.

The "dangermen" of Haiti are Emmanuel Sannon, Jean Claude Desir and Phillip Vorbe, son of the President of the Haitian Football Federation and the only white man in the team.

Sannon, 22, was the second highest scorer of the tournament with five goals after Trinidad and Tobago's Steve David who scored six.

A tall, fleet-footed forward whom French football clubs have been trying to sign up, he plays for a college run by Roman Catholic priests in the garden suburb of Petionville.

Desir, 27, is a flashy, quick-witted half who started playing football at the age of 14.

A member of the 1970 Haitian selection which was eliminated from the World Cup, he is on leave from an American club.

Haiti's qualification for the World Cup was not without controversy.

They beat runners-up Trinidad and Tobago 2-1 after the referee disallowed four goals by Trinidad in controversial decisions.

Trinidad went on to beat Mexico 4-0, giving Haiti the ticket to Munich.

Football has come of age in Haiti, where there are no professional clubs.

Already, football officials are talking of building a new stadium that will seat 70,000 spectators to replace the small 25,000-capacity main stadium in Port au Prince.

It was not until 1965 that Haiti joined a major tournament of the Conca-caf (North American, Central American and Caribbean Football Confederation).

They finished last that year, behind Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica, El Salvador and the Netherlands Antilles.

Two years later, they finished in the penultimate position.

They did not go to the 1969 tournament in Costa Rica, but in 1971 they shot up to second position behind Mexico in Trinidad.

Lato tipped for stardom

The 1970 World Cup gave us such superb new talents as Teofilo Cubillas of Peru, Clodoaldo of Brazil, Petras of Czechoslovakia.

The 1974 World Cup will throw up its talents, too.

Some of them we can guess at already.

Beyond them, other fine young players are burgeoning who, alas, will not be seen in West Germany because their countries have been eliminated, but who are already making a name for themselves in club and international football.

Grzegorz Lato's is certainly a name to be borne in mind.

With the loss of Lubanski, one of the best striking forwards in Europe, who dropped out with a bad knee injury after scoring a brilliant goal against England in Katowice last June, things did not look too good for Poland.

They called up Lato, a

right winger — or, if you prefer it, a striker who plays largely on the right — with immense success.

Last season, his 13 goals made him the leading Polish scorer, and helped his club, Stal Mielec, surprisingly to win the League.

In a friendly against Bulgaria in Sofia, he got both Poland's goals, when they won 2-0.

In the World Cup match against Wales in Katowice, he was extremely dangerous with both head and foot, and scored again.

Meanwhile, the Dutch international fullback Krol, of Ajax, after playing against him in a friendly match, remarked slightly that he would not survive a few hard tackles.

In the decisive match against England at Wem-

bley, a perfect occasion to distinguish the men from the boys, Lato was completely irreplaceable.

He made wonderful, long, incisive runs, now on the right, now on the left, now through the middle.

It was out on the left, in fact, that he won the ball from Norman Hunter and set up the all important Polish goal, which put Poland in the lead.

Later, he twice broke through the middle, once having a marvellous chance with only Peter Shilton, the goalkeeper to beat, which he threw away, once being ruthlessly fouled by McFarland.

Stocky, strong and fast, he is a completely different kind of forward from Lubanski, but a very fine one. He is only 24.

— BRIAN GLANVILLE

The East German domestic season will end on April 5, with the cup final played on April 13; after that, the national team will train together until the World Cup. In between, they will play some internationals as well: on March 13 against Belgium and on March 27 against Czechoslovakia and one perhaps against England in April or May. During the current championship there is always a full round of matches on Wednesdays; this was arranged at the request of manager Georg Buschner to prepare his team for the "World Cup rhythm" of playing three games in eight days.

World Cup Digest

● The Brazilians will arrive in Germany on May 16 — one month before their first match in Frankfurt against either Spain or Yugoslavia. Brazil's final squad of 22 will be announced as early as February 18. They will play nine matches before the finals — against the USSR, Rumania, East Germany, Austria, Paraguay, Peru, Mexico, Portugal and Sweden.

● Sweden's national squad will spend the whole month of February in the Sicilian sun. To get away from the Scandinavian winter they have been booked into a sports complex in Syracuse.

● Gunther Netzer is out of action for three weeks. Real Madrid's ace West German international has torn ligaments. Netzer, incidentally, has denied Spanish newspaper reports that he was considering returning to Germany. Netzer, despite his super-star status, has never reached the same heights in Madrid as with his former club, Moenchengladbach.

● Rinus Michels is Holland's new technical director. Michels, who coached Ajax to two European Cup wins, will take over before the World Cup. He is now at the helm of FC Barcelona.

● Zaire's national team will play a World Cup warm-up match against English club Southampton in mid-May. Zaire's coach, the former great Yugoslav goalkeeper Blagojevic Vidmic, will take the Africans to Europe for five weeks before the start of the finals.

● Uruguay have a new World Cup coach. He is Roberto Porta, one of the country's leading forwards in the 1930's. Porta, 60, replaces Hugo Bagnulo. In the 1950's already Porta had a spell coaching the national team. For the last two seasons he was at the helm of the Cerro team.

● The Bulgarians are gloomy about their World Cup prospects. Says coach Hristo Madenov: "We always seem to draw the toughest group..." Bulgaria have yet to win a match in their last three consecutive appearances in the finals. Soccer fans are doubtful whether it will be a case of fourth time lucky as they don't fancy their chances against Uruguay, Sweden and Holland.

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Socceroos' magic ingredient

This is what Tim Dare had to say about soccer in a recent article on Australian sport in "The Australian":

"Soccer's experience indicated last season that all other factors being equal, fans will turn out in force for really important contests, particularly if there are special ingredients present."

"The prime example was the Australian team's remorseless battle to reach the World Cup finals."

"Thirty thousand — a crowd to rival rugby league these days — turned up at the Sydney Sports Ground for the vital Australia versus Iran match. There were 28,000 at an earlier game against Iraq and 32,000 against South Korea."

"The magic ingredient was the will-they-or-can't-they underdog flavor built up around the Australian team which was driven over each hurdle by iron-man coach Rale Rasic. This spirit won soccer many new fans."

NATIONAL LEAGUE A MUST FOR NEWCASTLE

If the National League comes, the city to receive the greatest impetus could be Newcastle — if they are in it!

Newcastle needs the National League to catapult it into the soccer Space Age, even more than the National League would need Newcastle.

This is the enigma that is Newcastle.

This is the city that produced top national team players Col Curran and Ray Baartz, plus the current national youth champion side for a bonus.

Every top bracket coach in Sydney would probably allow that Newcastle has a dozen or more players who could scale the heights — and they would be much better if they received the right training in their mid-teens.

I doubt whether Sydney's 2.5 million could produce the players that Newcastle's 250,000 could, if both had fair access to the leading creative coaches.

Yet, Newcastle wallows through the Hunter Valley mud, sucked down by trying to support 14 First Division teams.

The Newcastle public sees "The Big Match" on the telly, and they are in no doubt of the difference between quality and their own quantity.

OWN GROUNDS

Yet Newcastle clubs own or fully control many of their football grounds, and they work away to find the

\$20,000 or so that is required to support their leading First Division clubs for a year.

When Newcastle and Sydney in effect parted company at the time the NSW Federation was formed, it was patently clear to the observer that Newcastle had to lose out.

They were cut off from Sydney's expertise and its large influx of people and overseas ideas.



RAY BAARTZ

They have suffered from the curse of isolation that, unfortunately, their recently acquired vote on the ASF executive cannot erase.

Their situation is so far behind the sponsored Safeway United that it isn't even a bad joke.

Safeway beat Persija 4-0 Newcastle goes down 2-4, to put the story in figures.

A big club drawing on Newcastle's latent soccer support would change all this — but how would Newcastle find the funds and management skills necessary to carry out the task to professional standards?

URGENT TASK

Northern NSW president Alan Lamb told us: "Newcastle could not afford to be out of a National League, if it comes."

Well, Alan, the big question is: "Could they afford to be in it?"

Would the wealthy Adamstown club, and Wallsend, whose licensed club is just turning the corner to better things, support a combined Newcastle venture?

Mr. Lamb, with the aid of his senior executives, has the urgent task of seeking support from the football and licensed clubs and major industries in time to

put in their entry to the proposed National League.

Peter Thraves, English-born teacher at Singleton High School and one of Newcastle's really experienced soccer men, has made a surprisingly high crowd estimate which he believes would support a Newcastle National League side.

Peter visualises 10,000 to 20,000 being drawn to home matches figures that surely would make Newcastle the best supported soccer club in the country.

I'd have to be more conservative, but an acute awareness of the great potential support that a successful Newcastle team could draw prevents me from classing friend Peter as a dreamer.

The key to Newcastle's success is to unlock its management potential, and let it go from there.

GOLDMINE

Those 14 Newcastle First Division clubs, drawn from Weston to Adamstown and from Swansea to Cessnock, would provide an admirable Newcastle Regional League, and what a goldmine of talent there is in the Newcastle Macquarie and Cessnock-Maitland Associations awaiting development.

Newcastle has a responsibility for Northern NSW, and in one particular sphere it leads Sydney-based NSW Federation by a mile.

For a suitable overseas team's visit, Tamworth would find a \$5,000 match guaranteed, and Armidale, Gunnedah, etc., would each find at least \$1,500.

North Coast towns would come in as well.

Could NSW be getting cracking to line something up for the country?

A combined show by NSW and Northern NSW could do the trick.

Teams such as New Zealand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and New Caledonia would be ideal.

PROSPECTS

Looking around Newcastle at the moment, Steve Warren looks a prospect. He has gone on from Toronto-Awaba to West Wallsend, and Western Suburbs could be interested. Seventeen goals from 15 matches in 1973 is good shooting.

Young Graham Bull, tall and strong, moves into space in the John Doyle fashion, oozing confidence in his every action.

Hamilton Azzurri's Ian Stone is learning the arts in England, and recently spent a period with Stoke.

Yes, the talent is there in abundance.

But, as it is, the future is in Newcastle's own hands.

Will they find the administration to become a first-class soccer power, or will they remain the behind-the-times country cousins who merely produce players for the big clubs of Sydney?

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COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Crack Hungarian club side Ferencvaros provide the first overseas opposition of 1974 for the State team when the pair line-up this Saturday night at Olympic Park with an 8.15 p.m. kick-off.

All going well weather-wise, the VSF can expect a gate of about 20,000, and perhaps more.

With Ferencvaros likely to place the emphasis on skill and teamwork, Victoria, despite their previous good showings against overseas sides, have the formidable task ahead of them.

And, in my book, they will need an overdose of luck if they hope to pull off a shock result.

SYDNEY TALENT SCOUTS?

The usual contingent of scouts and officials from top Sydney clubs is expected to be in attendance at the Victoria v. Ferencvaros game. Peter Bourne of SM-Hellas, whose name has been recently linked with Pan Hellenic, Joe Cunningham, the 22-year-old George Cross sharpshooter, and Vince Bannon, the 21-year-old Alexander defender who won the Rothman's Medal last year, are all expected to be under scrutiny.

Tony Boggi, at present without a club after his recent resignation from Juventus, is coach of the Victorian side for the match against Ferencvaros with Tony Kovacs as team manager and John Barclay as assistant-team manager.

If national coach Rale Rasic is in attendance at the Victoria v. Ferencvaros match on Saturday, he will, of course, be able to run the rule over Jimmy Milisavljevic and Branko Buljevic, who are already in the 22-man national squad to prepare for the World Cup finals. With another 18 players still to be selected for West Germany, he may run the rule over Peter Bourne, the brilliant South Melbourne-Hellas midfielder, Sandy Irvine, who is back bang in top form for Juventus, could also prove his claims for re-inclusion in the Australian squad.

Slavia and the newly-promoted Mooroolbark are the only two league sides who have no representatives in the 24-man Victorian squad from which the team will be selected to play Ferencvaros.

SWITCH PAYS OFF

The switch from Fridays to Saturdays for this year's Ampol Cup could pay off — if the early matches prove an indication. The 5,000 first night attendance was most gratifying in view of the very high temperature, and also the fact that many of the fans had not at that time returned from their annual vacation. There were glimpses, too, in the play of all four sides that some new and badly needed approach to the game was in evidence. It's up to the clubs and their players now to go flat out to make the turnstiles click faster and faster.

Former George Cross defender Derek Ricks, who returned to England shortly after the mid-way stage of the league season last year, is reported to be having trials with lowly Doncaster Rovers in the English Fourth Division.

George Cross have signed two young English players who have been in Queensland playing with Merton and have also been reported as being interested in Debono, the fullback of Azzurri, in West Australia. The two Merton players were with Workington when the Cross player-coach Joe Wilson was with the English side.

Alistair Scott, the long-serving Melbourne defender and player-coach last season until the arrival of Juan Schwanner, was absent from their line-up in their opening Ampol Cup win over SM-Hellas. But Melbourne fans needn't worry for Scott has been a late starter every year and he is certain to be ready to challenge for his place back in their big clash with JUST on February 9. However, the big fellow will have his regrets about his non-inclusion in the Victorian team against Ferencvaros as he has been a regular for the State side for many years now.

Victorian State League coaches for this season are: Footscray-JUST — Cedo Girkovic, George Cross — Joe Wilson (player-coach), Melbourne — Juan Schwanner, Hakoah — Sam Meyer, Wilhelmina — Ken Kontra, Alexander — Con Xanthopoulos, SM-Hellas — John Margarites, Juventus — Manny Poulakakis, Slavia — John Sanchez, Polonia — Richard Gamaski, Austria — Milenko Rusmir, Mooroolbark — Brian Edgeley (player-coach).

— JIM COOK

MALTESE PLAYERS TO STRENGTHEN EAGLES

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

In an effort to gain promotion to First Division next season, Melita Eagles have signed two First Division Maltese players and are expected to sign a third within the next few days.

The Eagles have already acquired Charlie "Noni" Borg, from Hamrun Spartans, and left winger Peter Paul Sciberras, from Zebbug Rangers.

But the third and perhaps the biggest catch of the season for the Eagles is the signing of Marsa and Malta World Cup centre-forward Joe "Il-Faqi" Farrugia, who led the Maltese attack last year in the qualifying rounds of the World Cup.

All three players are young, and are migrating to Australia to settle in this country and not for the purpose of playing soccer here.

Farrugia went to Melbourne and almost joined the Maltese Sunshine-based club, Ajax, but after some reflection he came to Sydney and is ready to play for Melita.

However, since he is an international player, his Maltese club is reluctant to let him go free and Melita and Marsa are at the moment negotiating his release.

This is despite an unwritten understanding that genuine Maltese migrants who come to Australia are allowed a free clearance provided they are retained by the same club when they go home.

Vince Pisani, who incidentally is the longest continuous-serving president of any Federation soccer club in Sydney, said this week that Farrugia had to pay £M400 to the Marsa Club before he left Malta, which released him from his "lifetime" contract and he was able to leave the island.

"However," Pisani added, "this only released him from his personal contract

and the Marsa Club is still entitled to ask for a transfer fee."

Vince Pisani, who was already president of Melita when the club joined the Federation in 1959, is confident that with these players, and assured financial support, the club has a better than fighting chance of winning the championship this season.



JOHN DUFFY

Melita cabled Marsa this week for Farrugia's release and also contacted the Maltese High Commissioner, Joe Forace, at present in Malta, for assistance in getting a clearance.

With three Maltese players on deck, the Eagles can expect the wholehearted support of the Maltese community in Sydney, in the same way as when the club was in First Division.

In the last few years Melita's support dwindled through lack of strength, but the infusion of these good forwards would give a boost to their crowds,

particularly in home matches.

Steve Hoszowski, who was transferred to Auburn for \$3,000, is one player Melita Eagles have lost so far from last season's contingent.

The club is expected to come to terms with Bobby Dougan, who has yet to accept the club's terms, which, for the first time, will be the same for all players.

Melita have transferred last year's player-coach John Duffy, and will be prepared to negotiate with any club which is interested in him.

There is a possibility that the Eagles will sign a couple of local young players.

With the licensed Phoenixians Club right behind the soccer team, Melita's challenge for promotion will perhaps depend greatly on their initial four games of the competition.

These include Granville, Enmore, Balgownie and Bankstown, in that order, and these clubs are expected to test the strength of the Eagles' team.

Coach Jack Aird is certain to go flat out to win the first match against his old club Granville at Mona Park, where all Melita's games will be played this season.

These games will also fully test the ability and temperament of talented 19-year-old goalie Bobby Stewart, who is likely to get the regular No. 1 spot in the team.

Melita have started training at Moore Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but they will shift their training sessions to Camdenville Oval, St. Peters, on February 5.